(c) According to the Seventh Plan document of Planning Commission coal production in th$_e$ country has to reach to a level of 417 million tonnes i$_n$ the year 1999-2000. An annual growth rate of about 7.5 per cent has to he achieved to reach the desired level of coal production by th$_e$ turn of this century. Some of the important step$_s$ being taken to achieve this growth rate are as follows:

(i) Modernisation and reconstruction of the existing mines,

(ii) Opening of large capacity new opencast mines.

(iii) Upgradation of mining technology and equipment sizes.

Telephone Exchanges in Gujarat

2019. SHRI SAGAR RAYKA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details regarding the new telephone exchanges set up in various parts of Gujarat during the last five years;

(b) what are the details regarding the new telephone exchanges proposed to be set up in Gujarat during the period from 1988 to 1990; and

(c) how many. telephone exchanges in Gujarat have been converted into electronic exchanges during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (E) 145 new Telephone Exchanges (excluding conversions) have been set up in various parts of Gujarat during the last five years as mentioned below :—

Year	Number of newe telephone exchanges opened
1983-84	34
1984-85	31
1985-86	39
1986-87	31
1987-88 (up'o 2/88)	10

(b) During 1988—90, it is proposed to set up about 40 new telephone exchanges in Gujarat subject to availability of equipment and th$_e$ demand of new telephone connections,

(c) During the last 3 years ,8 electronic exchanges have been set up in Gujarat as mentioned below:—

(i) Two new electronic telephone exchanges opened at Railwaypura <ti.d Narainpura in Ahmedabad City.

(ii) Six telephone exchanges converted into electronic exchanges at Meh-suna, Gandhinagar, Gandbidham (Kutch Veraval. Porbander and Kodinar.

Setting up of Power Projects in Orissa

2020. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to s^^{a}*e:

(a) what is the progress made so far in the setting up of the thermal power projects and hydro-electric projects as envisaged in the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) what is the number of plants envisaged for Orissa and their location?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI-MATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Capacity totalling about 22245 MW was programmed for commissioning during the Seventh Plan period. As against this, a total capacity of about 9906 MW has been commissioned/ roKed upto en^ of February, 1988.

(b) A capacity totalling 483 MW is programmed for commissioning In Orissa during the 7th Plan period at the following projects:

Project	Location (District)
Upper Kolab HEP	Koraput
Hirakud HE Scheme Stage-III	Sambalpur
Rengali HEP	Dhenknal
Potteru HEP	Koraput
Renkali HEP Extension	Dhenkanal